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T.R.A. DOCKET ROOM

Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate
Chairman, Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: *Triennial Review Order - 9 Month Proceeding - Hot Cuts*
Docket No. 03-00526

Dear Chairman Tate:

In response to your letter of October 10, 2003, offering to conduct a regional mediation of the batch hot cut process, CompSouth¹ agrees with BellSouth that it may be helpful to the Authority to host a one-day workshop to discuss issues and problems surrounding the development of a batch hot cut process. A similar workshop was held in Florida on October 28 and workshops are also being considered in other states.

Such a workshop should include a visit to a collocation site and a hot cut demonstration. This would provide the Authority with the kind of background information which will be needed to respond to the FCC's directives concerning the development of a batch hot cut process.

While the press of nine-state litigation regarding the Triennial Review Order is stretching the resources of all parties, CompSouth believe that a one-day workshop with presentations by incumbents and competitive carriers can be scheduled consistent with those TRO obligations.

We support the workshop concept, including a collocation site visit and hot cut demonstration, and will be pleased to work with you and the Staff to schedule these events

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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